

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 8th Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, August 11, 2019 *through* Saturday, August 17, 2019

“Beware of False Prophets”

Jeremiah 23:16-29; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 7:15-23

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves” (Matthew 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jeremiah 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. **“You will recognize them by their fruits”** (Matthew 7:20). The “fruits” of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in Heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father’s adopted ones (Romans 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the Body and Blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

INVOCATION (*make the sign of the holy cross and say*)

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ✠ life everlasting. Amen.

PSALM Psalm 26

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION *Article XXVII: Monastic Vows*

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 53-57, 237-247

DAILY READINGS

- Sunday, August 11: 1 Samuel 26:1-28:2
1 Corinthians 5:1-13
- Monday, August 12: 1 Samuel 28:3-30:31
1 Corinthians 6:1-20
- Tuesday, August 13: 1 Samuel 31:1-13
1 Corinthians 7:1-24
- Wednesday, August 14: 2 Samuel 1:1-4:12
1 Corinthians 7:25-40
- Thursday, August 15: 2 Samuel 5:1-25
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Friday, August 16: 2 Samuel 6:1-23
1 Corinthians 9:1-23

Saturday, August 17: 2 Samuel 7:1-17
1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22

HYMN

I Walk in Danger All the Way

LSB 716:1, 6

I walk in danger all the way.	My walk is Heav'nward all the way;
The thought shall never leave me,	Await, my soul, the morrow,
That Satan, who has marked his prey,	When God's good healing shall allay
Is plotting to deceive me.	All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.
This foe with hidden snares	Then, worldly pomp, begone!
May seize me unawares	To Heav'n I now press on
If I should fail to watch and pray.	For all the world I would not stay;
I walk in danger all the way.	My walk is Heav'nward all the way.

PRAYERS

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but ✠ deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Morning

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with us all. Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: The 9th Sunday after Trinity (Trinity 9)

2 Samuel 22:26-34 Psalm 51 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 Luke 16:1-13

Hymn of the Day

What Is the World to Me

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